

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a user interface for defining an electronic message handling rule, the method comprising:

receiving a request to create the electronic message handling rule, wherein receiving the request to create the electronic message handling rule comprises receiving the request to create the electronic message handling rule from a user interface button displayed within an electronic message reading pane;

in response to the request, identifying a context in which the request to create the electronic message handling rule was received wherein the identified context comprises ~~one of the following: reading an electronic mail message, selecting a received electronic mail message, selecting an electronic mail message ready to be sent, creating an electronic mail message, creating an alert subscription,~~ receiving a subscription alert, and ~~selecting a name,~~ wherein receiving the subscription alert comprises:

receiving an electronic mail message,

parsing the electronic message to determine whether the electronic mail message was generated by the subscription alert,

in response to determining that the electronic mail message was generated by the subscription alert, providing a user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, and

upon selection of the user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, providing a user interface dialog box comprising a first portion for identifying conditions for the electronic mail handling rule and a second portion for identifying action associated with the conditions; and providing a user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a contents of the user interface ~~[[are]]~~ is customized based on the identified context associated with an operation on the electronic mail message, the operation comprising one of the following: reading the electronic mail message, selecting the electronic mail message, and creating the subscription alert associated with the electronic mail message, wherein the user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule comprises~~[[,]]~~:

~~at least one~~ a first user interface object for defining at least one condition for the electronic message handling rule, wherein a drop down menu is adjacent to the at least one condition, wherein, in response to selecting the drop down menu, a list of entries displays customized conditions for the electronic message handling rule based on the identified context~~[[,]]~~,

~~at least one~~ a second user interface object for defining at least one action to be performed when the at least one condition is satisfied, wherein the at least one action to be performed comprises at least one of the following: displaying a new item alert window, selecting a sound, playing the selected sound, previewing

the selected sound, moving ~~an e-mail~~ the electronic mail message to a selected folder, speaking selected text, and previewing the selected text~~[[;]]~~₁ and ~~an advanced~~ a third user interface object for defining the electronic message handling rule that contains all ~~of the~~ possible actions and all ~~of the~~ possible conditions.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one~~ first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule ~~[[are]]~~ is a subset of all ~~of the~~ possible conditions for the electronic message handling rule.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one~~ first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule ~~comprise~~ comprises a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on ~~[[the]]~~ an identity of a sender of the received electronic mail message.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one~~ first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule ~~comprise~~ comprises a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on a subject of the received electronic mail message.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one~~ first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule ~~comprise~~ comprises a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on ~~[[the]]~~ an identity of at least one intended recipient of the electronic mail message.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one~~ first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule ~~comprise~~ comprises a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on ~~[[the]]~~ an identity of the intended recipient of the created electronic mail message.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one~~ first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule ~~comprise~~ comprises a fourth user interface object for setting a condition

for the electronic message handling rule based on a subject of the created electronic mail message.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the at least one condition for the electronic message handling rule ~~comprise~~ comprises receiving an alert electronic mail message generated as a result of the [[alert]] subscription alert.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one~~ first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule ~~comprise~~ comprises a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on the selected name.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one~~ first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule ~~comprise~~ comprises a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the rule based on a subject of [[a]] the received electronic mail message when the context comprises selecting a name.

16.-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A contextually sensitive user interface provided to a display device by a processing unit coupled to a memory storage component having a set of instructions which when executed by the processing unit cause a display of the contextually sensitive user interface for defining an electronic message handling rule, the user interface provided by the set of instructions comprising:

~~at least one~~ a first user interface object for defining at least one condition for the electronic message handling rule, wherein a drop down menu is adjacent to the at least one condition, wherein, in response to selecting the drop down menu, a list of entries displays customized conditions for the electronic message handling rule based on an identified context, the ~~at least one~~ first user interface object selected at least in part based upon ~~[[the]]~~ a context in which a request to create the electronic message handling rule was received, the context corresponding to receiving the request to create the electronic message handling rule from a user interface button displayed within an electronic message reading pane and wherein the context comprises ~~a context selected from the list comprising one of the following: reading an e-mail message, selecting a received electronic mail message, selecting an electronic mail message ready to be sent, creating an electronic mail message, creating an alert subscription, receiving a subscription alert, and selecting a name, wherein receiving the subscription alert~~ comprises:

receiving an electronic mail message,

parsing the electronic message to determine whether the electronic mail message was generated by the subscription alert,

in response to determining that the electronic mail message was generated by the subscription alert, providing a user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, and

upon selection of the user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, providing a user interface dialog box comprising a first portion for identifying conditions for the electronic mail handling rule and a second portion for identifying action associated with the conditions; [(and)]

at least one a second user interface object for defining at least one action to be performed if the at least one specified condition is satisfied, wherein the at least one action to be performed comprises at least one of the following: displaying a new item alert window, selecting a sound, playing the selected sound, previewing the selected sound, moving ~~an e-mail~~ the electronic mail message to a selected folder, speaking selected text, and previewing the selected text; and

~~an advanced a third~~ user interface object for defining the electronic message handling rule that contains all of the possible actions and all of the possible conditions.

19. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the ~~at least one first~~ user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule ~~comprise~~ comprises a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on the identity of a sender of the electronic mail message when the context comprises ~~the context of reading the electronic mail message.~~

20. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the ~~at least one~~ first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule ~~comprise~~ comprises a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on a subject of the electronic mail message when the context comprises ~~the context of~~ reading the electronic mail message.

21. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the ~~at least one~~ first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule ~~comprise~~ comprises a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on ~~[[the]]~~ an identity of at least one intended recipient of the electronic mail message when the context comprises ~~the context of~~ reading the electronic mail message.

22. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the ~~at least one~~ first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule ~~comprise~~ comprises a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on ~~[[the]]~~ an identity of the intended recipient of the electronic mail message when the context comprises ~~the context of~~ creating the electronic mail message.

23. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the ~~at least one~~ first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule ~~comprise~~ comprises a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on a subject of the electronic mail message when the context comprises ~~the context of~~ creating the electronic mail message.

24. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the ~~at least one~~ first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule ~~comprise~~ comprises a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on the selected name when the context comprises ~~the context of~~ selecting a name.

25. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, wherein the ~~at least one~~ first user interface object for defining the at least condition for the electronic message handling rule ~~comprise~~ comprises a fourth user interface object for setting a condition for the electronic message handling rule based on a subject of a received electronic mail message when the context comprises ~~the context of~~ selecting a name.

26.-29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 18, ~~wherein the contextually sensitive user interface~~ further comprising:

~~displays a simplified user interface containing a subset of all actions for defining the at least one condition and the at least one action for handling the electronic message; and~~

~~provides a second user interface button, wherein the second user interface button is configured to provide an advanced user interface containing all of the possible actions to be performed.~~

31. (Previously Presented) The contextually sensitive user interface of Claim 30, wherein the simplified user interface contains at least one commonly utilized action to be performed.

32. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a user interface for defining an electronic message handling rule, the system comprising:

a memory storage; and

a processing unit coupled to the memory storage, wherein the processing unit is operative to:

receive a request to create the electronic message handling rule, wherein receiving the request to create the electronic message handling rule comprises receiving the request to create the electronic message handling rule from a user interface button displayed within an electronic message reading pane;

in response to the request, identify a context in which the request to create the electronic message handling rule was received, wherein the identified context comprises a context selected from the list comprising ~~one of the following: reading an e-mail message, selecting a received electronic mail message, selecting an electronic mail message ready to be sent, creating an electronic mail message,~~ creating an alert subscription[[,]] and receiving a subscription alert, and selecting a name, wherein creating an alert subscription comprises generating an alert electronic mail message, and wherein receiving the subscription alert comprises:

receiving the generated alert electronic mail message,

parsing the generated alert electronic message to determine whether the generated alert electronic mail message was generated by the alert subscription,

in response to determining that the generated alert electronic mail message was generated by the alert subscription, providing a user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, and

upon selection of the user interface button for creating the electronic message handling rule, providing a user interface dialog box comprising a first portion for identifying conditions for the electronic mail handling rule and a second portion for identifying action associated with the conditions; and

providing a user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule, wherein [[the]] a contents of the user interface [[are]] is customized based on the identified context associated with an operation on the electronic mail message, the operation comprising one of the following: reading an electronic mail message, selecting the electronic mail message, and creating the alert subscription associated with the

electronic mail message, wherein the user interface for defining the electronic message handling rule comprises[[:]];:

~~at least one~~ first user interface object for defining at least one condition for the electronic message handling rule, wherein a drop down menu is adjacent to the at least one condition, wherein, in response to selecting the drop down menu, a list of entries displays customized conditions for the electronic message handling rule based on the identified context; ~~and,~~

~~at least one~~ second user interface object for defining at least one action to be performed if the at least one condition is satisfied, wherein the at least one action to be performed comprises at least one of the following: displaying a new item alert window, selecting a sound, playing the selected sound, previewing the selected sound, moving ~~an e-mail~~ the electronic message to a selected folder, speaking selected text, and previewing the selected text[[:]]; and

~~an advanced~~ third user interface object for defining the electronic message handling rule that contains all ~~of the~~ possible actions and all ~~of the~~ possible conditions.